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SUBJECT: Privatizing Utility Systems - Definitions and Demarcation Points

## 1. References:

- a. Title 10 United States Code Section 2688, Utility systems: conveyance authority
- b. HQDA, ACSIM (DAIM-FD) Memorandum, 2 Sep 99, Privatizing Utility Systems
- c. HQDA, ACSIM (DAIM-FDF-E) Memorandum, 21 Jan 99, Privatization of Army Owned Utility Systems Criteria for Exemptions
- 2. The purpose of this memorandum is twofold: a) clarify what the Army considers to be a "utility system" within the meaning of the legislative authority contained in Title 10 U.S.C. Section 2688, and b) provide examples of the points of demarcation for the scope of the potential utility privatization contractor's project and what is to remain under the responsibility of the installation, assigned to a base operations (e.g., A-76) contractor, or assigned to an Army Family Housing Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) contractor.
- 3. Title 10 U.S.C. Section 2688 (Reference 1.a.) provides the legislative authority by which installations are conveying Army-owned electric, natural gas, water and wastewater systems to either a municipal, private, regional, district, or cooperative utility company or other entity. Current Army policy and procedures for the utility privatization program are contained in references 1.b. and 1.c. and on the ACSIM Internet web site: <a href="http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsimweb/fd/policy/utilitiespricur.htm">http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsimweb/fd/policy/utilitiespricur.htm</a>
- 4. When utility privatization and a Residential Community Initiative are concurrently underway, installations must ensure that these programs are thoroughly coordinated to ensure consistency in assigning responsibilities for the utility system infrastructure and the location of the demarcation points. As a general rule, responsibility for specific functions or systems should be assigned to the entity with demonstrated core competency in those functions and systems.
- 5. Enclosure 1 provides definitions of the systems to be included in the scope of any initiative for the privatization of electrical, natural gas, water and wastewater utility systems. Enclosure 2 provides examples of recommended points of demarcation

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where ownership would transition from the government to the new utility service provider. Final points of demarcation in a privatized utility system may be predicated upon prevailing state, local, or industry-utility standards and/or regulations.

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